

FY2011 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies

Central Maine Community College, Job Training for Health Care Providers, Auburn, Maine – \$285,000

To provide unemployed workers training in medical coding, medical terminology, keyboarding, and computer applications to prepare them for work in medical support occupations for which there is a growing need. This will provide under-employed and unemployed Mainers with the skills needed to acquire available jobs that pay good wages.

Central Maine Medical Center, Rural Health Initiative: Regional Center for Simulation Training in Acute Healthcare Practice, Lewiston, Maine – \$500,000

To support the creation of a Regional Center for Simulation Training for health care providers throughout western and central Maine who deal with acute medical situations in the course of their practice. Simulation training is a state-of-the art e-learning tool that advances patient safety by developing competencies in acute health care practice. The center would contain one or more e-manikins complete with the five to ten complementary modules that will make such training available to those working in approximately 21 different health care disciplines. Simulation training of the level of sophistication envisioned is currently not available to providers outside of Portland.

Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions, Expansion of College of Nursing, Lewiston, Maine – \$500,000

Renovate regional College of Nursing in western Maine to expand teaching and recruitment capacity of RNs.

Challenger Learning Center, Increasing Student Access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Learning Experiences, Bangor, Maine – \$750,000

To increase access to STEM learning experiences for middle school students across the State of Maine, to encourage students to pursue careers in STEM-related fields, and to strengthen the Maine economy by increasing student achievement in STEM classes.

Challenger Learning Center, Strengthening Maine Through STEM, Bangor, Maine – \$750,000

To train students in grades 4-8 in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and encourage them to pursue STEM-related careers that will ultimately strengthen the workforce and the economy in Maine.

Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home, Isolated Rural Acute Care Hospital prepares for Unprecedented Regional Growth, Greenville, Maine – \$1,916,000

For critically needed life-saving equipment to comply with state and federal regulations. Related upgrades will increase patient safety and outcomes and reduce patient cost.

Community Dental, Oral Health Services Access and Expansion in Rural Maine, Farmington, Maine – \$600,000

For the nonprofit Community Dental, which oversees the operations of five dental health centers in Maine, to purchase equipment and expand capacity at the Farmington Dental Health Center to increase access to affordable oral health care for residents of this rural area which has the highest Dental Health Provider Shortage Score in the State of Maine.

Cromwell Center for Disabilities Awareness, Student Disabilities Awareness Program, Portland, Maine – \$500,000

The program helps create a classroom climate that accepts disability as another aspect of diversity. An inclusive environment decreases harassment and bullying of students with disabilities, increases the likelihood they will attain higher levels of educational achievement.

Eastern Maine Development Corporation, Eastern Maine Economic and Workforce Development Integration, Bangor, Maine – \$265,000

To expand EMDC's capability to structure and deliver business services in the rural labor market areas of the Tri County region.

Eastern Maine Development Corporation, Youth Project, Bangor, Maine – \$265,000

To sponsor career pathways and educational programming to all 7th graders in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock and Washington Counties.

Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, Chronic Disease Management and Quality Improvement in Primary Care, Brewer, Maine – \$800,000

For the implementation of Chronic Disease Management and Quality Improvement in Primary Care program which will have a lasting benefit for the 26 participating primary care practices, and will act as a rural model for best practices that can be replicated nationally.

Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, Regional Centers of Excellence: Hospice & Palliative Care in Rural Care, Brewer, Maine – \$465,000

To implement a strategy incorporating rural hospitals, home care and hospice agencies, nursing homes and primary care providers in rural areas to extend best practice Hospice Care and Palliative Care to outpatient clinics in the region. Eastern Maine will work with rural hospitals, home care, hospice agencies, nursing homes and primary care providers to extend best practice to outpatient clinics in the region

Educare Central Maine, Educare Central Maine, Waterville, Maine – \$250,000

To fund a teaching lab with distance learning capacity at Educare Central Maine to expand early care and education professional development opportunities throughout rural Maine. The Educare model is a full-day, full-year birth to five early childhood learning program focused on reducing the achievement gap between at-risk, low-income children and their more advantaged peers, so they are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten.

Friends Of Choice in Urban Schools (FOCUS) and Maine Association of Charter Schools (MACS), School Quality Data Dashboard Expansion and Replication, Union, Maine – \$325,000

To upgrade and expand the DC School Quality Data Dashboard and partner with the MACS to pilot a national replication project in Maine.

Goodall Hospital, Smart Pump Technology, Sanford, Maine – \$300,000

For the Smart Pump intravenous drug delivery system. The system is preprogrammed to eliminate cross-reactivity of drugs and ensure the correct medicine goes to the patient, monitored by time and patient weight.

Integrated Service Solutions, Electronic Health Record System for Behavioral Health in Maine, Statewide – \$450,000

To enhance the ability of behavioral health providers to serve clients and protect their personal health information by means of an electronic health record.

The Jackson Laboratory, Human Response to Infectious Disease, Bar Harbor, Maine – \$487,000

To equip dedicated laboratory space to allow JAX researchers to study underlying genetic pathways in human susceptibility and response to infectious disease.

Maine Alliance for Arts Education, Building Innovative Communities Through Education, Statewide – \$400,000

To develop and provide models, resources, and services to enable communities to strengthen their investment in their youth and in the future of their communities through a more complete 21st century education.

Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership, New England Mobile Outreach Skills Training Program, Augusta, Maine – \$500,000

To continue the deployment of the Mobile Outreach Skills Training (M.O.S.T.) Program in New England as an immediate job creation solution by which up to 750 individuals from the underserved populations including the unemployed, underemployed, returning Veterans, Welfare recipients, and Youth would be trained and placed in existing entry-level manufacturing jobs.

Maine Medical Center, Primary Care Development Pipeline, Portland, Maine – \$500,000

To fund a pilot program aimed at increasing the number of Maine students pursuing medical degrees and retaining those professionals in the State.

Maine STEM Collaborative, Excellence In STEM Education Through Technology-Enhanced Research And Professional Development, Augusta, Maine – \$200,000

To provide a model for improved STEM education, the Maine STEM Collaborative, a coalition of diverse STEM groups in the state, will conduct a coordinated statewide initiative that will address teacher professional development, curriculum, and workforce training.

Pen Bay Healthcare, Pen Bay Healthcare Mental Health Initiative: Improving Access to Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment in Mid-coast Maine, Rockport, Maine – \$830,000

To collaborate with Mid-coast Mental Health Center in expanding and strengthening mental health services that are delivered through primary care practices, schools and other community organizations.

Penobscot Community Health Care, Solving Dental Shortages in Rural Areas, Bangor, Maine – \$500,000

To fund a model program to address pediatric dental shortages in an underserved rural area by attracting new dentists through externships and expanding pediatric dental operatories available to low income families.

Penobscot Valley Hospital, Community Health Improvement Initiative, Lincoln, Maine – \$750,000

To upgrade computed tomography (CT) scanner for this small Critical Access Hospital in rural Maine. The hospital is currently operating with a one-slice CT, and this out-of-date technology places clinicians at the hospital at a severe disadvantage and could potentially lead to mistakes in the readings.

Sacopee Valley Health Center, Rural dental care to save lives and create jobs, Porter, Maine – \$950,000

To expand dental care to rural Mainers and provide a rural practice location for dental students and dental hygiene students. Funding will create jobs and promote the employability and health of rural disadvantaged Mainers through preventive and restorative dental care.

Southern Maine Community College, Heavy Equipment and Transportation Program, Brunswick, Maine – \$624,000

The requested funding will create a Transportation and Heavy Equipment Program as part of the SMCC Midcoast Campus. The program will offer students a new Associate Degree in Heavy Equipment Maintenance and an Associate Degree in Heavy Equipment Operations.

Southern Maine Community College, Maine Advanced Technology & Engineering Center, Brunswick, Maine – \$1,300,000

To support a higher education collaborative in a BRAC community located in the mid-coast region of Maine to foster economic development by supporting new businesses and industries while assisting existing enterprises remain viable.

Spurwink Services, Electronic Health Records System Implementation and Training, Statewide – \$950,000

To further implementation of and associated training around an Electronic Health Record system throughout Spurwink, serving approximately 4,000 clients throughout Maine annually.

Spurwink Services, Improving Access to Learning for Students with Autism, Statewide – \$500,000

To adopt a new teaching model and specialized curriculum for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder at Spurwink's seven schools, located throughout southern and central Maine.

The Bethel Historical Society, Bethel Historical Society Expansion Project, Bethel, Maine – \$900,000

To increase public access to educational and historical resources.

Town of Waterboro, Waterboro Community Technology Upgrade, Waterboro – \$300,000

To improve access to educational materials and provide for technology upgrades for K-12 students and adults in one of the fastest growing towns in Maine.

University of Maine at Fort Kent, Building the Capacity of a Northern Maine Rural Nursing Education Program to Provide Quality Health Care to Veterans, Fort Kent, Maine – \$709,000

To expand the nursing student capacity and enhance the current University of Maine at Fort Kent curriculum to best prepare nursing graduates to meet the unique veterans' health care needs such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, mental health, long-term care, phantom limb pain and the various disabilities that plague veterans in rural northern Maine.

University of New England, College of Dental Medicine, Portland, Maine – \$1,000,000

To establish the first College of Dental Medicine in the extended tri-state-region of Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire. Establishing a new College of Dental Medicine will help to address the significant and federally recognized health professionals shortage in the area of dental health in the region.

University of Southern Maine, School of Professional and Continuing Studies, Portland, Maine -- \$740,000

To develop a School of Professional and Continuing Studies that will offer new online degree completion programs and graduate professional programs for working adults who cannot access traditional campus-based programs.

YMCA Alliance of Maine Diabetes Prevention & Control Program, YMCA Alliance of Maine, Statewide – \$600,000

To reduce the prevalence of diabetes to the senior citizen and military population & reduce health care costs to Medicaid, Medicare, private insurers, and individuals. Funding will create 16 new jobs.

National Requests

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - \$5.1 billion This funding is critical to helping families afford their energy bills, even more important during these challenging economic times.

National Writing Project - \$26.2 million - Funding for the NWP provides support for a national infrastructure of more than 200 writing project sites that serve their local schools and teaching communities with high-quality teacher professional development. With these funds NWP will work with teachers to improve student achievement in writing and key learning skills.

Section 340G of Public Health Service Act – Support the President’s Budget - \$17.5 million

The program authorizes grants that States can use for a variety of programs to address the shortage of dental health professionals and to increase access to oral health care in rural areas. For example, States can use the funds for loan forgiveness and repayment programs for dentists practicing in underserved areas, for recruitment and retention program, to expand community or schools-based dental facilities or to set up mobile dental clinics.